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MACHINE AND STAINING INHIBITOR USED FOR THE METHOD

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Patent Office Restriction Requirement dated March 6, 2008, Applicant elects Group II, Claims 11-21 and 24, with traverse. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the restriction requirement as a search for the elected contamination preventing agent would necessarily entail a search drawn to a method for preventing contamination using the agent. Favorable consideration is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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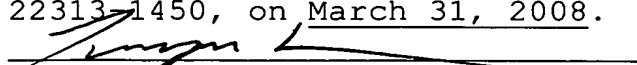
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